GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2660
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2001
STOLEN OF IDOLS
GADDE RAMAMOHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether two idols of Madan Mohan and Narayan were stolen from the Jagannath temple in Puri (Orissa) ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the details of inquiry conducted, its outcome and action taken against the guilty persons;

(d) whether these type of cases are on increase in various parts of the country during the last three years till date;

(e) if so, the details thereof, incident wise;

(f) the details of inquiries conducted, their outcome and action taken / proposed to be taken against the guilty persons, incident-wise; and

(g) the steps taken or likely to be taken by the Government to stop such instances in future ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The idols of Madan Mohan and Narayan were stolen from the Jagannaththemple on 10.11.2001. These stolen objects are the property of the temple trustees. The Jagannath temple is a protected monument under an agreement executed with the Jagannath Temple Managing Committee and the Archaeological Survey of India.

Under this agreement administrative matters including security of the shrine vest with the temple authorities and the State Government. The idol of Madan Mohan has since been recovered by the Police.

(d) to (f) The details of thefts of idols from the centrally protected monuments and their present status is given in the Annexure.

(g) Measures have been taken by the Archaeological Survey of India in concert with the Central Bureau of Investigation, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Custom and the State Governmentsto check the theft of antiquities by intensifying checking at Customs exit points, as well as strict enforcement of the relevant enactments. Security in the protected monuments and museums has been stepped up by deploying State Police or private security as required

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARA `D` TO `F` OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 2660 REPLIED ON 06.12.2001

STATEMENT SHOWING STOLEN IDOLS DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS FROM APRIL, 1998 TO TILL DATE.

Sl.No.	Name of State /Site & dist.	Name of Monument	Description of the objects	Date of theft	Status of the Case	Remarks
1	Andhra Pr.	Sculpture shed Ghantasala, Distt. Krishna	Buddha	27-30 Nov,2000	Recovered	
2	Gujarat	Open sky Museum, Patan	Standing Ganesha & Brahma with his consort	09.10.2001	FIR lodged	

3	Karnataka Hampi, Distt. Bellary	Hand of Sasivekalu Ganesa.	09.07.2001	-do-
4.	Madhya Pradesh Mahua, distt. Shivpuri	Shiva (lower part missing) 8th-9th Century AD	27-31 Dec,1998	-do-
5.	-do- Badgaon, distt. Katni	Somnath Temple, Bust of Lakshmi, 11th-12th Century AD, Head of Vishnu. 11th-12th Century AD	22-23 Augt,1999	-do-
6.	-do- Kavala, distt. Mandsore	Varah Temple, Two idols	29.02.2000	FIR lodged
7	-do-	Group of temples at Amarkantak, distt. Sahadol	Vishnu 08.09.2000	-do-
8.	Rajasthan Ghateshwar Temple, Baroli, distt. Chittaurgarh	Ten armned dancing Shiva	15-16 Feb,1998	Recovered
9.	-do- Someshwar Temple,Bhangarh, distt. Alwar	Ganesha (broken), late 10th-11th Century AD	01-02 July.1998	FIR lodged
10.	-do- Bijolia, distt. Bhilwara	Mahakal Temple, A sculpture of female deity possibly composit form of Uma, Saraswati and Lakshmi, 12th-13th Century AD	27-28 Oct,1998	-do-
11.	Rajasthan Ancient Ruins & Structural remains,Krishna vilas, distt. Baran	Two armed Tirthankara with chhatrawali.	21-22 Sept,1999	-do-
12.	-do- Krishna Vilas, distt. Baran	Jain Temple, Two Jain Tirthankaras	24-25 Sept,1999	-do-
13.	-do- & Structural remains,Krishna Vilas, distt. Baran	Ancient Ruins Four armed standing stone figure.	07-08 Jan,2000	-do-
14.	-do- Khamba Temple, Krishna Vilas, distt. Baran	Ruins of Char deity probably Bhairava - Shiva	Four armed standing 31.01-01.02.2000	-do-
15.	- do -	-do-	Four armed standing -do-	-do-
		Dikapala, probably Varuna		
16.	-do- Temple,Arthuna, distt. Banswara	Mandaleshwara	One female figure 03-04 Mar,2000	-do-
17.	-do-	Ancient Temple, Bhainrar	10-11 June,2000	-do-

	Kaner-ki-Putli, distt. Bhilwara			
18.	Tamil Nadu Malavellala Street, Jayam Kon Dam, distt. Perambadur	Jaina Tirthankara.	09.01.1999	-do-
19.	West Bengal Basudev Temple, Bansberia, Hooghly	Buddha (Terracotta)	27 -30 Nov,2000	-do-